

Helmet Chin Straps Available to Order

Soldiers in need of a new chinstrap for their Advanced Combat Helmet (ACH) can now order just the chin strap from the Army.

Through a new supply process, a chin strap is available that will fit any ACH. Supply Sergeants don't need to order the whole retention system, with all the hardware. They just have to order the chin strap using NSN 8470-01-531-3351. (This NSN will fit all models.)

Now, a Soldier can replace the chin strap alone in just five minutes, compared with 15 minutes to replace the chin strap and all the associated hardware.

Please note: If a Soldier has one of the old ACH Manuals that lists "Strap, Chin, Retention" as either NSN 8470-01-476-2605 or 8470-01-519-4200, these NSNs are coded Y and will eventually be deleted from the cataloguing system. Should a Soldier try to order a chin strap using one of these NSNs, a note in the DOD EMALL incorrectly directs the Soldier to order the chin strap with mounting hardware, NSN 8470-01-530-0868. The DOD EMALL is being updated to direct Soldiers to order the chin strap without hardware, NSN 8470-01-531-3351. Like the ACH itself, the chin strap is provided by Program Executive Office (PEO) Soldier, the Army acquisition agency responsible for developing, procuring, and fielding nearly everything a Soldier wears or carries.

The ACH Technical Manual (TM 10-8470-204-10) has instructions for maintaining the ACH, including the following excerpt from Work Package 9:

Removing and Replacing Chin Strap

1. Remove webbing from elastic bands. Unthread and remove the chin-strap retention system webbing from the four buckles.

2. Lay the helmet on its crown with the front of the helmet away from you. Drape the replacement chin-strap retention system over the helmet with the nape-strap pad facing down on the back/rear of the helmet (Figure 1).
 3. Insert and thread the four legs of the chin strap into their corresponding buckles (Figure 2).
- For an illustration of the entire assembled helmet with chin-strap retention and hardware, see WP 0002 of TM 10-8470-204-10. Take care to ensure that the webbing is not twisted.
4. Slide the elastic band over loose ends of webbing.

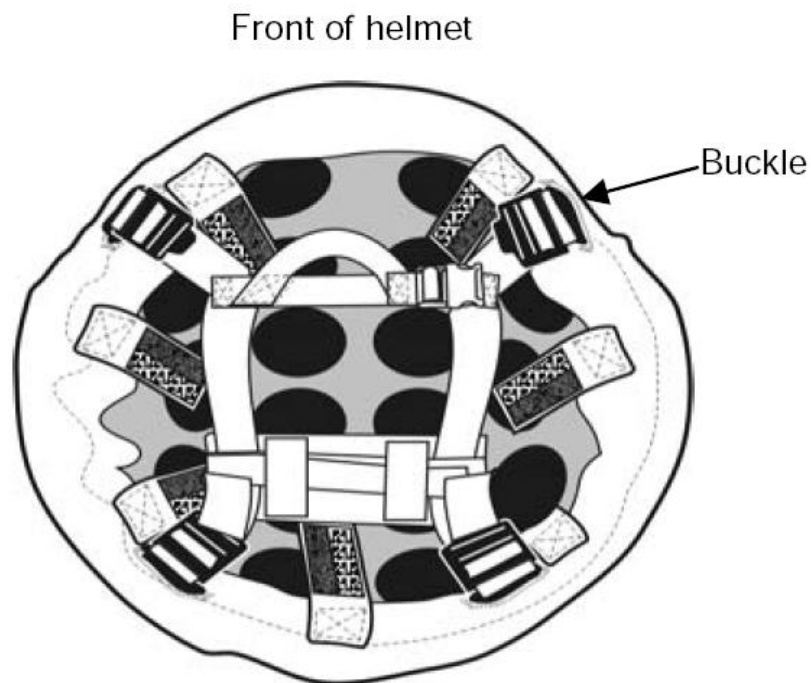


Figure 1. Chin Strap Retention System Orientation (All Models).

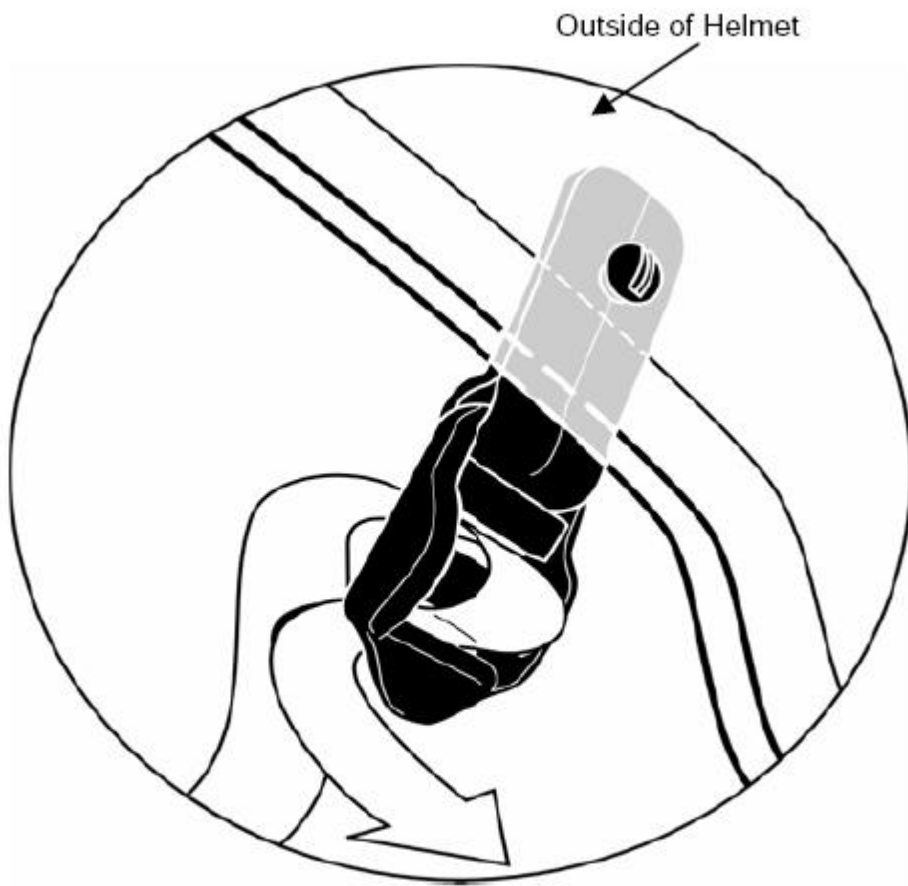


Figure 2. Routing of Chin Strap Webbing through Buckle (All Models)